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SUBJECT: RECRUITMENT OF MERCENARIES

FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED IN RESPONSE TO STORY
IN MAY 20 BALTIMORE SUN DATELINED TEHRAN. APPRECIATE ANY
INFORMATION YOU CAN PROVIDE US ON ALLEGED RECRUITMENT.

Q. WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE REPORTED RECRUITMENT OF
U.S. MILITARY VETERANS IN IRAN ON TRAINING CONTRACTS TO
SERVE AS MERCENARIES FOR THE WHITE MINORITY GOVERNMENT IN
RHODESIA?

A. AS YET WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION OF THIS REPORT FROM OUR
EMBASSY IN TEHRAN. WE ARE ASKING THE EMBASSY FOR FURTHER
DETAILS. FROM THE REPORT WE HAVE SEEN, WE NOTE THAT ALL
THE RECRUITS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE COME FROM CIVILIANS UNDER
CONTRACT TO IRAN'S MAJOR ARMS SUPPLIERS TO TRAIN IRANIANS.

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IN GENERAL, ANY AMERICAN IN THE UNITED STATES WHO ENLISTS

IN FOREIGN ARMED FORCES COMMITS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE (UNDER
EITHER 18 USC 958 OR 959). AN AMERICAN WHO FIGHTS IN
FOREIGN ARMED FORCES ALSO RISKS LOSING HIS AMERICAN CITI-
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